

10. The use according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the post-weaning animal is a pig.
11. The use according to claim 7 or 8, wherein the post-weaning animal is a mouse.
12. The use according to claim 7 or 9, wherein the post-hatching animal is poultry.
13. The use according to claim 12, wherein poultry is a chicken.
14. Method of promoting growth in an animal, said method comprising the step of feeding said animal with an effective amount of an F4⁺ non-pathogenic *Escherichia coli* strain.
15. Method of homogenizing growth among a herd of animals, said method comprising the step of feeding said animals with an effective amount of an F4⁺ non-pathogenic *Escherichia coli* strain.
16. The method according to claim 14 or 15, wherein the animal is fed orally.
17. The method according to any one of claims 14 to 16, wherein the animal is fed with the F4⁺ non-pathogenic *Escherichia coli* strain in association with a solid or liquid feed acceptable carrier.
18. The method according to claim 17, wherein the solid feed acceptable carrier is a common solid feedstuff.
19. The method according to claim 17, wherein the liquid feed acceptable carrier is water.
20. The method according to claim 17, wherein the liquid feed acceptable carrier is milk.
21. The method according to any one of claims 14 to 20, wherein the effective amount is at least about 5^{E7} CFU of F4⁺ non-pathogenic *Escherichia coli* strain per animal .